



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Welcome to the Legislative Update for February 24, 2017

This e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep older Arizonans and advocates of aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight federal legislation or activities affecting older Americans. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. The *Legislative Update* is non-partisan in nature.

Note: to get the most from this report, be sure to open the [links](#) throughout this issue for the latest news and information. Thank you for your interest!

53rd Arizona Legislature, First Regular Session

Friday, **February 17** was the last day for Senate consideration of Senate bills and House consideration of House bills. **March 24** is the next deadline – the last day for House consideration of Senate bills and Senate consideration of House bills.

Summary of Action

More than 860 floor actions have been filed since the last issue; 51 of those are related to bills tracked by the Council. As of **Day 47, 1,055 bills posted, 2 bills passed; 1 Signed, 100 Memorials or Resolutions and 7 passed**. The Governor's Advisory Council on Aging tracks legislation that has the potential to impact older Arizonans. Those bills are featured in the **FULL List**. To view the web report, click [HERE](#).

NOTE: Please be advised that the presence of a bill on a tracking list *does not* represent support or opposition by the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. It *does* mean that the topic is something that is likely to be of interest to or have an impact on older Arizonans.

Our web report provides you with the current status and upcoming hearing information on all of the bills being tracked and is available and updated on an ongoing basis 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Be sure to **click on the bill number** for more information. This list will continue to be edited and updated throughout the session. Bill information including description, status, hearings, etc. is part of a purchased service provided by *Arizona Capitol Times*.

A few bills highlighted from the FULL List

HB2041: DHS; health care institutions; licensure – House Engrossed Version [HERE](#); Hearing on 3/1 at 2:00 pm, Senate Health & Human Services, Senate Rm. 1

HB2042: fingerprinting requirements – House Engrossed Version [HERE](#); Hearing on 3/1 at 2:00 pm, Senate Health & Human Services, Senate Rm. 1

HB2076: advanced directives; provider access- Requires by December 31, 2018 the Secretary of State to establish a process in rule for health care providers and emergency medical services to access the advanced directives registry; exempts the state from civil liability for providing access to information stored in the advanced directives registry; exempts state contractors from civil liability. House Summary (2/23) [HERE](#); Recent action: 2/23 passed House 60-0; ready for Senate.

HB2323: critical health information; emergency responders – permits a city, town, or country to establish a program to provide emergency responders with critical health information about program participants involved in a car accident and who are unable to communicate to first responders. House Engrossed Version [HERE](#); Recent action: 2/22 passed House 59-0; ready for Senate.

Committee Members are listed on the Arizona State Legislature's website at:

<https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/CommitteeMembers>.

Committee Minutes can be found at:

<https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/DocumentSearch/C?SessionID=117>

Check out the *Arizona State Legislature* website: www.azleg.gov

Calendar & News link: <http://www.azleg.gov/alis-today/>

Need to learn more about the legislative process? See [Arizona Bill](#) or [Bill to Law](#).

Find and review bill information [HERE](#).

Learn about the budget process [HERE](#).

Research the State Constitution [HERE](#).

Learn more at *Frequently Asked Questions* linked [HERE](#).

If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your Legislators, you may voice your thoughts at any time by contacting the:

- **Governor's Office of Constituent Services** at **602-542-4331 in Phoenix; 520-628-6580 in Tucson; in-state toll-free at 1-800-253-0883** (outside Maricopa County only) or email: engage@az.gov.
- **Legislators** from your area. You can locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature** website and looking for: [Legislative Maps](#)

Fiscal News

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee/JLBC**

JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights February 2017 [HERE](#)

The report states “Year-to-date, ...General Fund revenues are 3.3% above the prior year.”

House Appropriations Subcommittees Reports

Public Safety, Infrastructure & Resources [HERE](#)

Health and Welfare [HERE](#)

FEDERAL UPDATE

H.R.750

Ensuring Access to Quality Complex Rehabilitation Technology Act of 2017

Introduced on 1/30/2017 by Representative James F. Sensenbrenner Jr. (WI-5)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand and revise the classification of and payment for rehabilitation technology items under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

Text [HERE](#)

On 1/30/2017 Referred to the House Ways and Means.

H.R.947

Family and Medical Insurance Leave Act or Family Act

Introduced on 2/7/2017 by Representative Rosa L. DeLauro (CT-3)

To provide paid family and medical leave benefits to certain individuals and for other purposes. Advocates for paid leave for caregivers; text [HERE](#).

On 2/7/2017 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.1051

Halt Tax Increases on the Middle Class and Seniors Act

Introduced on 2/14/2017 by Representative Martha McSally (AZ-2)

This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to roll back the increased income threshold for determining the amount of tax deduction for medical expenses. Currently, individual taxpayers may only deduct those medical expenses that exceed 10% of their adjusted gross income. This bill reduces that percentage to 7.5%.

On 2/14/2017, Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R.1114

Social Security Expansion Act

Introduced on 2/16/2017 by Representative Peter A. DeFazio (OR-4)

To enhance Social Security benefits and ensure the long-term solvency of the Social Security program. Text [HERE](#)

On 2/16/2017 Referred to the House Education and Workforce.

S.309

Community-Based Independence for Seniors Act

Introduced on 2/6/2017 by Senator Chuck Grassley (IA)

A bill to establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible Medicare beneficiaries.

On 2/6/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

ALSO:

From the **Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation**

Compare Proposals to Replace the Affordable Care Act [HERE](#)

(Note: includes key elements of the Affordable Care Act, Rep. Tom Price's Empowering Patients First Act, 2015, House Speaker Paul Ryan's A Better Way: Our Vision for a More Confident America, 2016, Senator Bill Cassidy's Patient Freedom Act, 2017, and Senator Rand Paul's Obamacare Replacement Act, 2017.)

ALSO: Budget Resolution for FY 17 – [S.Con.Res.3](#)

You can check active legislation [HERE](#)

Share your opinions with members of Congress!

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your Representative or Senators by visiting: <http://www.house.gov/> for the **House** or <http://www.senate.gov/> for the **Senate**.

Links to the membership lists are provided below.

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

Contact the **White House**: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact>

ALSO: USA.gov provides contact information at: <http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>.

NEWS& RESOURCES

Kaiser Health News

2/23/2017

Geriatricians Can Help Aging Patients Navigate Multiple Ailments [HERE](#)

Note: other aging-related stories at: <http://khn.org/topics/aging/>

National Alzheimer's Project Act updated information can be found at: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/>. The **National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease: 2016 Update** is available at: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/report/national-plan-address-alzheimers-disease->

2016-update

Alzheimer's website: <http://www.alzheimers.gov/>

From AARP

Experiences with Work

Sarah Kerman and Colette Thayer, AARP Research, January 2017

From the **National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities/NASUAD**

Friday, 2/23/2017 Update

CDC Reports Emergency Department Visit Trends Among Adults Aged 65 and Over

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) has released data regarding emergency department visits for injury and illness among adults aged 65 and over in the United States, covering the years 2012-2013. Key findings included a visit rate of 12 per 100 persons for injury and 36 per 100 persons for illness. Women had a higher visit rate for injury than men, though there were no statistical differences between the two groups in the visit rate for illness. [Click here](#) to read more.

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

The **Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council** announced their next round of grant funding.

Steps to Take:

1. [Download Grant Application](#) and read [Frequently Asked Questions](#) paperwork
2. Determine if ADDPC is a good fit for your organization
3. Carefully fill out forms
4. Attend pre-application conference on March 8 at 2 p.m. at the ADDPC office, located at 3839 N. 3rd Street, Suite 306, Phoenix, AZ 85012
5. Submit completed application to mcrane@azdes.gov on April 6, 2017 3 p.m. Phoenix time

Questions? Call grants manager Marcy Crane at (602) 542-8976 or send her an email:

mcrane@azdes.gov

Directions for Care: After the Dementia Diagnosis

March 1 from 10 am to 11:30 am

March 24 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Banner Sun Health Research Institute, 10515 W Santa Fe Drive, Morin Auditorium, Sun City AZ 85351

Registration required; call **623-832-3248** to reserve space and materials.

Finding Meaning While Living with Loss

March 15 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm

Banner Sun Health Research Institute, 10515 W Santa Fe Drive, Morin Auditorium, Sun City, AZ 85351

Registration required; call **623-832-3248** to reserve space and materials.

March 7, 2017

From the **Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing**

An invitation to **Day at the Capitol**.

- Learn about the Arizona deaf and hard of hearing communities.
- Visit the various hearing-related vendor tables.
- Immerse yourself in the Deaf Deaf World Exhibit.
- Be inspired by notable presenters.
- Enjoy a sponsored boxed lunch with us.
- Experience first-hand how a looping system works.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-day-at-the-capitol-tickets-31615587072>

Arizona's 30th Annual Transit Conference, presented by AzTA and ADOT, April 9-11, 2017 Phoenix Airport Marriott

Registration [HERE](#)

Arizona Geriatric Society Annual Spring Conference *Keeping the Person in Person-Centered Geriatric Care*

Friday, April 21, Plaza Arboleda Conference Center in Tucson AZ

[Online registration](#) is now open.

Mark your calendar

2017 AOHC Oral Health Summit *Launching the Future of Arizona's Oral Health*

May 12, 2017, Wigwam Resort, 300 E. Wigwam Blvd., Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

More information coming soon...

Arizona Commission on the Arts *AZ Creative Aging initiative*

Create/Change: AZ Institute - 3-day intensive institute featuring presentations and workshops led by leaders in the field of creative aging.

May 22 – May 24

More information [HERE](#)

In case you missed it last time...

[Kaiser Health News](#)

Right-To-Die Fight Hits National Stage [HERE](#)

By Melissa Bailey

National Council on Aging/NCOA

NCOA Blog – Top 10 Chronic Conditions in Adults 65+ and What You Can do to Prevent or

Manage Them [HERE](#)

Falls Blogs – 18 Steps to Fall Proofing Your Home [HERE](#)

The Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University report: [Projections & Implications for Housing: A Growing Population](#).

AARP Livable Communities [HERE](#)

This High School Has a Senior Center [HERE](#)

Welcome to the 20-Minute Village [HERE](#)

Ongoing Resources

From the **Governor's Office**

See the latest news

Newsroom: <http://azgovernor.gov/newsroom>

#AZAWESOME Shareables: <http://azgovernor.gov/governor/shareables>

AHCCS News & Updates:

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/news.html>

Arizona Department of Economic Security Feature Stories [HERE](#)

Arizona Attorney General's Senior Resources [HERE](#)

Arizona Department of Health Services

Public Health Licensing [HERE](#)

Arizona Healthy Aging (A- HA) [HERE](#)

Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging/AZ4A

Map of Regions [HERE](#)

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) – free health benefit counseling service for Medicare beneficiaries and their families or caregivers.

More information [HERE](#)

Just in case

If you wish to share our tracking list, here is the link to the web report:

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25801&listid=61524&print=true>

Past issues of the *Legislative Updates* are linked on the Council website at:

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/LegUpdates.asp>.

You can help circulate resource information. If you would like to submit an **educational** or **public service event** for consideration, be sure to send an email with the description and a link or pdf document to: gaca@az.gov. Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates and refrain from including marketing or fundraising materials.

Due to the March 3 GACA meetings, we anticipate distributing the next issue sometime during the week of March 6.

Thank you; enjoy the weekend!

~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging



If you wish to be REMOVED from or know someone who would like to be ADDED to the Update, please send an email to: gaca@az.gov and ask to be unsubscribed or subscribed to the **Legislative Update**.

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